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SUBJ: GDR LAW AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF CONCERNING MARIHUANA

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1. THE OPERATIVE LEGISLATION IS THE LAW OF DECEMBER 19, 1973 WHICH, IN SECTION 1(3), DEFINES "CANNABIS (HASHISH, MARIHUANA)" AS A NARCOTIC WHICH IS A "PARTICULARLY SERIOUS DANGER WHEN MISUSED". FURTHER, IN THE FIRST IMPLEMENTING REGULATION TO THAT LAW, DATED JANUARY 28, 1974, ISSUED BY THE GDR HEALTH MINISTER, "CANNABIS (INDIAN HEMP)" AND "CANNABIS HEART" AS WELL AS "TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL - 3 - PENTYL-6, 6, 9-TRIMETHYL-6A, 7, 10, 10A - TETRAHYDRO - 6H - DIBENZO (B,C) PYRAN-1-01" AND THEIR "ISOERES, ESTERS, ETHERS, SALTS, AND PREPARATIONS" ARE LISTED AS FALLING UNDER THE LAW.

2. TRAFFIKING, PRODUCTION, OR POSSESSION FOR TRAFFIKING OF NARCOTICS AS WELL AS FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS, PROMOTION OF ABUSE, MALPRACTICE BY PERSONS IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, AND USE OF JUNVENILES (UNDER 18) IN TRAFFIKING IS PUNISHABLE BY "UP TO FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT, PROBATION, UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFINEMENT OR A FINE".

3. POSSESSION FOR USE IS PUNISHABLE BY UP TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON. "SERIOUS" CASES INVOLVING JUNVENILES OR HABITUAL OR CONSPIRATORIAL TRAFFIKING CAN LEAD TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON. NEGLIGENCE CALLS FOR TWO YEARS MAXIMUM.

4. EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION IS THAT THESE LAWS ARE ENFORCED
STERNLY WITH THE FULL SEVERITY OF THE LAW BEING APPLIED
IN EACH CASE. INFORMANTS TELL US THAT ABUSE OF
NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS IS NOT A SERIOUS PROBLEM
IN THE GDR.POLANSKY

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